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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT in the above-identified patent application.
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action (the Action) mailed May 21, 2002. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of amendments and remarks set forth below. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and the claims by the current amendment. The marked-up version of the changes is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 21 through page 2, line 3 with the following replacement paragraph:

-- WO 92/21/354 describes a surgiçal adhesion as the attachment of organs or tissues to each other through scar tissue. A formation of scar tissue is described as a normal sequel to surgery or other tissue injury and is required for proper wound healing. In some cases, however, the scar tissue overgrows the intended region and creates surgical adhesions. These scar tissue surgical adhesions restrict the normal mobility and function of affected body/parts. The invention disclosed in WP 92/21354 is based on the discovery that anionic polymers effectively inhibit invasion of cells associated with detrimental healing processes, ie, fibrosis, and scarring. In particular, certain inhibitory anionic polymers are useful to inhibit fibroblast invasion, thus